

December 4, 2024

# BOISE BENCH LIONS

Every Wednesday at Casa Mexico at Noon



Website:  
[adacounty.id.gov/sheriff](http://adacounty.id.gov/sheriff)

President Dennis, speaker Matt and Ann, program chair Lion Aarda

Matt Clifford is the ADA county sheriff. He has 24 yrs. in the department. He is from a small town in ID. The ACSO, Ada county sheriff's office, is the largest local law enforcement agency in ID with nearly 900 employees and more than 400 commissioned deputies. Their main goal is to ensure Ada county is a safe place to live, work and play. The ACSO has 5 bureaus: police services, jail services, court services, administrative, and communications. Their service area is very large and the cities of Eagle, Star and Kuna contract with them. They have one of the largest K-9 units, run a SWAT team (they handle a lot of fugitive apprehensions). They run the properties and evidence for the Boise police. They hire their own mechanics for their fleet services (they are a chevy shop). They have their own HR department. Just to name a few. They want to be out in the community doing other things than catching bad guys so you will see them at safety fairs, national night out, k-9 demonstrations, supporting contract city events and more. They worked very hard to get their dispatchers classified as first responders. It isn't easy answering the many 911 calls received in their center. They go all over the nation to bring people back to ID for their court appearances. Most of the inmates are unhealthy and need medical care. 90% of the inmates are felony offenders. The average length of stay in the jail is 56 days. Consider supporting the Ada county sheriff's youth foundation by purchasing the youth license plate which provides financial support for at-risk youth to participate in pro-social activities.



Members present: 50

Card Money: Lion Larry Dold won the pot.



Attendance: Lion Helmi won as well! Lots of winners in our club today!

Guests: Corrine Henke read about our club on Facebook and reached out. The Cardinal's daughter Laura who turned in her application. Lion Toni's friend Sandy Laws. Lion Tedd's friend Donna. And Lion Chuck Malloy from the Meridian Lions.

Save the Date: December 10th at the ID Foodbank from 12-2. Sign up with your account or call Jane at 208.830.0454.



BB Lions Christmas Party: Lion Larry L. turned in the count for 58. That is significantly up from past years. Go BB Lions!

Where: Riverside Hotel, NorthStar Room



When: December 7th

Time: 6pm cocktails and appetizers, 7pm dinner and entertainment

If you would like to bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots, Lion Susan will collect and deliver them. They really need all different sports balls.

December 10th - Lions and friends social at Sockeye Alehouse, 3823 N Garden Center Way at 4:30.



# Calendar of Events



**December 7** - BB Lions Christmas Party at the Riverside, NorthStar room

**December 10** - Volunteer at the ID Foodbank from 12-2

**December 10** - Lions and friends social at 4:30 at Sockeye Alehouse in Boise

**December 11** - Jennifer Rockwell, director of the Ruth Melichar Bird Center

**December 18** - Christmas program, Kindred

**December 25** - No meeting, Merry Christmas

**January 1** - No meeting, Happy New Year

**January 8** - Lion Chuck Malloy, District Diabetes Chair

**January 15** - Land of Ice, Penguins and Whales, Lion Curt

**January 22** - Lion Lisa Gier, Executive director of Diabetes Education and Camping Association



**Pres. Dennis' quote:** People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and your higher power. It was never between you and them anyway. Mother Theresa

**Valley Mountain Lions Cyber Club Branch:** Pres. Dennis called for a club vote during our meeting to approve the 8 new members for the VMLCCB. Lion Larry L motioned to approve the members and Lion Bob seconded the motion. All roars from the members present. The 8 new members bring the total members to 22 for the VMLCCB. They have reached the required number for LI to become their own club. They are ready to "branch" off. Lion Lynne will enter them into the portal and fill out the necessary forms to start the process. Congratulations to PID Gary and the district for on the new club! We also approved 2 more applications for Lion Laura, the Cardinale's daughter, and Lion Sheri, Lion Toni's friend with a motion from Lion Toni and a second from Lion LaDawn. All roars from the members present. Way to go BB Lions!

**Program chairs needed for next year:** Lion Darlene, our program chair organizer, asked for monthly program chairs for March thru June. Lion Curt has January and Lion Darlene has February. Please consider taking a month. Our club is famous for our interesting speakers.

**St. Al's Festival of Trees:** Our club's wreath sold at the Festival of Trees. Great job to all those creative minds who put together a beautiful wreath!



**Wish your fellow Lions a Happy Birthday in December**

Gayle Chaney 12/3

Patty Frison 12/7

Chuck Higginbotham 12/10

Bob Brewton 12/10

Helmi Schade 12/11

Del Motz 12/12

Dave Chaney 12/18

B Barzee 12/20

Dwaine Hibbs 12/21

Rob Anno 12/21

Bill Squires 12/24

Dennis Burks 12/31

**November Health and Fitness Awards:**

**Lottery tickets:** Lions Rick and Sharon L

**Personal training:** Lion Jill

**Bags:** Lions Toni, MJ and Angel

**Coasters:** Lion Patty

**Money:** Lions Curt, Dave, Dan and Aarda

Keep up the great workouts!



The **BB Lions** set up 4 beds on Thursday which brings the total to 309 beds. We surpassed our goal of 300. Such a fulfilling partnership with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. We couldn't have accomplished this goal without Lions Patty and Dan.



The delivery of beds to this family inspired the club to "adopt" them. Lions Patty and Dan delivered the supplies from our club members. They were beyond thankful.

Some members also made donations to help purchase the van in this pic for the family. Donations to help with the purchase would be greatly appreciated.



Lions Dennis, Helmi, Shawn, and Frank with family and friends served at Interfaith Sanctuary the last two weeks. Another fulfilling partnership.



We had a huge crowd volunteer at the Astegos Community Warehouse for the Toys for Tots program the day before Thanksgiving.



Please keep **Lion Shelly** and family in your thoughts and prayers. Lion Shelly's surgery went well. His right leg is like dead weight and his right arm has problems but not as severe. They are hoping he will be going to a facility for a few days for care and PT. Their amazing family has been by Shelly's side. **Lion Jan** hopes to handle it once he gets home but she will let us know if there is anything we can do to help out. She said our club is amazing and they hope to not have to ask for help. She will provide progress reports every few days.

